— Photo by Dispatch Correspondent Lanette Carlson

Cambridge medalists

Cambridge eighth-graders Sheila Taylor, left, and Chris Godsil, are busy putting another first place literary medal in their scrapbooks. The two girls have participated in Illinois Elementary School Association's Literary Contest the past four years and have placed first every year. They are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Matt Godsil, all of Cambridge. This year's contest was Nov. 5 in Tampico.

Big Sochi beach Soviet showplace

By DONALD KIMELMAN
Knight News Wire

SOCHI, U.S.S.R. — Welcome to Resort Polyclinic No. 1, one of the biggest and most popular beaches in this resort city on the Black Sea.

Sun, surf, sand (actually mostly smooth stones), macho guys and bikini-clad girls — all familiar territory. But what to make of those nurses in white uniforms striding purposefully among the prostrate sunbathers? Or those three elevated sun decks that jut out into the sea and are grimly advertised as "zones of strict medical control"?

And what of that large black scoreboard, visible from everywhere on the beach, that gives up-to-the-minute information on air and water temperature and instructs members of the three classes of bathers exactly how many minutes of sun, shade and swimming they are permitted on this warm and humid morning?

Spend a few days in Sochi and it all will begin to make sense: Hedonism Soviet-style is not an art but a science.

That month spent away from the factory and down at the shore is too valuable to be squandered aimlessly. As in so many aspects of Soviet life, a plan is required — a plan to provide each worker with the maximum amount of healthful rest and thus renew his or her energy for the coming year.

MOST OF THE 90,000 people with special passes who are accommodated in official establishments on a typical summer day do not live in hotels or boarding houses, but in sanitariums — some of them so grandiose and ornate that they are easily comparable to exclusive spas for the very rich.

For about $2 a day, those vacationing workers receive accommodations within walking distance of the shore (one hillside sanitarium has its own cable car), three meals, free medical treatment and free access to the Matsesta sulphur springs.

At the springs, as many as 18,000 people a day soak themselves in malodorous sulphur baths, inhale sulphur gas and even submit to sulphur enemas.

Some of these people actually are quite sick. But most are not; they have a host of minor ailments — as many people do when they reach middle age — and come here to keep matters in check.

"Ours is not a sanitarium in the Western sense," explained V.N. Sarkmakeshev, director of the palatial, neo-classical Metallurg Sanitarium, so named because it originally was built for steelworkers. "Our patients are practically all capable of working, and our aim is to prolong their working life.

"HERE PEOPLE combine the pleasant and the useful. They are enjoying themselves and they are improving the condition of their health."

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— Photo by Dispatch Correspondent Joanne Carlson

Pigs 'n blankets

Sandy McDowell, left, warms up the skillet, while Pam Eiker pats out a whole-hog-sausage patty for the Clover Township Women's pancake breakfast and bake sale. The event will be held from 6 to 9 a.m. Nov. 19 at the Woodhull Fire Station. The all-you-can-eat breakfast will cost adults $2.50, children under 12, $1.50, and preschoolers 75-cents.

Three years on death row, 3rd trial looms

By LUCY BIGHIA
United Press International

LINCOLN, Neb. — Three years on death row in the Nebraska State Penitentiary and two murder trials have taught Charles Jess Palmer to be patient.

Monica Zimmerman, the wife of the man he is accused of killing, said it seems the courts have been too easy on Palmer.

"It's hard, I had to learn it," Palmer said in a recent prison interview. "I just got to take one day at a time, just see what this next trial, what it is."

Palmer, 44, was sentenced to die after his August 1980 first-degree murder conviction in Hall County District Court in the 1979 slaying of Grand Island coin dealer Eugene "Zimmy" Zimmerman, 59.

PALMER WAS accused of beating and robbing Zimmerman and strangling him with an electric cord.

The Nebraska Supreme Court ordered a new trial because there was no way of knowing whether three prosecution witnesses were influenced under hypnosis.

Palmer again was found guilty in June 1982, and again was sentenced to die in the electric chair. The high court last month ordered a third trial, saying Palmer's estranged wife should not have been allowed to testify against him.

Cheri Palmer had filed for divorce in Texas just before the second trial, but the high court ruled they still were married when she testified.

The state has asked for a rehearing.

"THE LAW IS the law, it's fair and just," Palmer said the day the high court ordered a third trial. "They (Supreme Court judges) have to go by it, and Hall County has to go by it."

Mrs. Zimmerman has a different view of the law.

"I think the system has gone too far overboard to protect the rights of the criminal, to the point where it closes its eyes to the innocent," she said in a telephone interview.

She said the system has been too lenient in dealing with Palmer.

"Had it not been for the previous murder and previous trials my husband would still be alive today," Mrs. Zimmerman said. "It was the fault in our criminal justice system which freed this murderer ... to kill again, and my husband was the one who had to suffer."

FBI records show Palmer was arrested in April 1974 and tried in Miami on charges of first-degree murder and robbery. A jury acquitted him on both charges.

PALMER SAID— he is not entirely happy with the system himself.

"It seems that, when a guy is in, (the system) is very fast to get him into prison but very slow to get him out ... they have set me here for this period of time, with this over my head, when they shouldn't have ... I've always claimed my innocence and I feel they know that I'm innocent of this, but they have, they've done it twice," he said.

Palmer said his religious faith has helped him to keep hoping.

Hall County Attorney Stephen L. VonRiesen, who handled Palmer's second trial, estimated that trial cost the county about $25,000, and that a third probably would cost at least as much.

Palmer, who has children living in Florida, said he would like to return to that state and take up Greyhound racing, counseling and lecturing if he is released.

"I would like to work against the death penalty," he said. "I have lived on death row. I think I've got something to tell those people what death row is like."

*Phreak

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a password code consisting of several digits or symbols or both.

Because the local switch numbers for the companies are published and readily available, the phreak's goal is to get the password code.

The Baltimore student bragged that, using his computer, he could "hack out" 20 password codes in half an hour on one particular company's system. Asked about the claim, a company executive said, "He's probably the one guy we're looking for."

Electronic "bulletin boards" are also a source of passwords, the student said. He said hackers often put their illicitly obtained passwords on these boards so they will be used by people around the country, complicating a phone company's efforts to locate the main culprit.

ASKED IF HE HAS ANY qualms about the fact that another person will be billed for the calls the hackers make, the student said no. "My family uses a couple of long-distance services, and when something is on the bill that we didn't make, there's no problem having it taken off.

"Another thing," he added, "if I get a code, I only use it for a couple days — a week, maximum.

"The system's there; it's very easy to use. No doubt about it, the companies should have tighter security." He said use of longer password codes is one remedy the phone firms could consider.

Some security considerations will be resolved next September, when the equal access provision of the AT&T break-up plan is to be phased in. When that happens, customers of non-AT&T long-distance services will no longer have to dial a local number and password code to gain access to the networks.

"At that point we will know that the call came from your home, no matter what code you put in," a company official said.

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